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Washington, D. C. — The Soviet Union has 20,000 translators turning out Russian summaries of American scientific articles, the central intelligence agency said Saturday.

J. J. Bagnall, head of the CIA's foreign document division, told the house space committee that Russia was far ahead of the United States in the translating field.

Besides the 20,000 who scan American articles and write abstracts of them in Russian, he said, the Soviets have 2,000 persons working on full length translations of American scientific writing.

By contrast, Bagnall said, the United States has only about 1,000 translators putting in any kind of work on Russian scientific and technical literature.

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